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### Abstract

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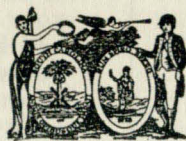
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## The Library Development Fund

"My salary is \$15.00 per month but feel I'd rather give this donation as I'm interested in keeping and building a county library." This is the message which accompanied the first South Carolina donation, one dollar, to the Library Development Fund.

What was your response?

"A firm foundation for the libraries of tomorrow depends on you. Have you made your contribution?"

"The campaign for the Library Development Fund is the most important step of the year in the library world. The purpose of the fund is to maintain a library representative in Washington and to carry on a national public relations program supporting the development of good library service to all citizens." "It will benefit not only libraries but all those who use libraries or would use them if they had them."

The immediate objective of the program is to secure surplus Army books for use in rural areas and surplus equipment for the use of all types of libraries. A further step is to promote the introduction and passage of a bill which would provide funds to insure the distribution of the surplus books within the states.

It is proposed that surplus books be allotted to the states on the basis of rural population. It is estimated that there will be 60,000 books per 100,000 rural population. That being the case, South Carolina would receive approximately 860,000 books.

According to a preliminary draft of a bill to secure funds, \$1.00 for each book allotted would be made available to state library agencies for the first year, and fifty cents per volume for each of four succeeding years. Under this provision, South Carolina would receive approximately \$860,000.00 the first year and half that for each four succeeding years. Adequate safeguards should prevent federal interference and domination. The funds would be administered by the U. S. Commissioner of Education and reports would be made to his office.

Even though we do not receive the estimated amount of assistance, progress could be made in reaching South Carolina's 879,794 people without library service, and in improving service in existing libraries.

South Carolina is asked to contribute \$970.00 to the campaign. The support of every librarian, library trustee and every person interested in the extension of library service is essential. No appeal to the general public is planned; it is being made to those who best understand the need. If you wish to contribute and have not been asked to do so, will you write Miss Nancy Blair, State Director, Library Development Fund, S. C. National Bank Building, Columbia 6, S. C.

## A Quarter-Century of A.L.A.

The American Library Association this year marks its twenty-fifth anniversary under the secretaryship of Carl H. Milam, and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the "Enlarged Program". For the library profession, and for the A.L.A. these have been twenty-five creative years, which have brought out the best that many librarians have had to give, and which have broadened the scope of library service far beyond its conception in 1920.

The areas of library service destined for future importance in 1920 are interesting. They were library extension, including children's and school libraries; work with foreign born; adult education; books for the blind; institutional and special libraries; a program of international good will; general publicity; professional publishing; personnel standards and welfare; and follow-up on the A.L.A.'s war service to the merchant marine, war industries and hospitalized veterans.

The Association has managed to carry out most of its objectives piece-meal. In some cases, the Association has far outstripped the Program. In others the objectives have changed. Some of the goals have not yet been reached, and some new goals have been added.

But in the main, the Enlarged Program has been carried out. The best proof of this is the fact that it is no longer regarded as "enlarged". Where some of the A.L.A.'s 4,500 members in 1920 considered it a fanciful pipe-dream, most of A.L.A.'s 15,000 members today take its definition of A.L.A.'s job for granted.

"The one man who has been steadily at the center of this growth, this increased effort, this success, has been Carl H. Milam.

"A 'rugged individualist', he has been the prime mover in all sorts of cooperative undertakings. The Association has been more than fortunate, it has been supremely happy, in his services."—Dr. William Warner Bishop.

## Surplus Property

There will be numerous items of surplus Army property which will be appropriate for library use. The following equipment and supplies are suggestions: library furniture and equipment, audio-visuals aids, automotive equipment, office equipment and supplies, paper and paper products, air conditioning equipment, etc.

A conference of library leaders formulated recommendations which have been presented to the Surplus Property Board. Among the recommendations were



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those dealing with price policies. It was recommended that the benefit which would accrue to the United States from the use of surplus property be considered a medium of payment and that nominal pricing, representing necessary cost of packing and handling, be adopted.

The Surplus Property Board has taken no action. It is probable that when it does three weeks will be allowed for federal agencies to claim surplus property. The succeeding three weeks will be allowed for state and local governments to file claims. Then, the property will be available to the highest bidder.

That being the case, we must be prepared. Libraries should decide what equipment and supplies they need and set aside funds for their purchase. Write to the U. S. Treasury Department, Office of Surplus Property, for the Surplus Report, which lists property in advance of the sale date. If you receive Education for Victory, watch it for announcements.

As the State Library Board receives news of developments, you will be notified.

*Coker Inaugural*

Miss Ellen Perry, A.L.A. Councilor of the South Carolina Library Association, has accepted the invitation of the American Library Association to represent that organization at the inauguration of Dr. Donald C. Agnew as president of Coker College on April 28. Miss Helen Hagan, President of the South Carolina Library Association, will represent the Association.

Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to Dr. Agnew.

**International Mind Alcove**

The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace is donating the International Mind Alcove Books to the S. C. State Library Board. They are being used as a traveling library. Two installments have been received and are available for a three months loan to libraries. The first group is already in the second library. Calhoun County requested the traveling library first and the books were very popular there. The first installment has been sent to Kershaw County Library and will be available to the next library which requests it on June 15. If you would like to be added

to the list of libraries which receive the books, send your request to the State Library Board. Requests will be filed in the order received. The books listed below are in the collection, which will be supplemented each quarter.

First installment: Anshen, Beyond Surrender; Cable, The Gobi Desert; Clayton, Heaven Below (China); Coe, Road to Alaska; Daniel, Islands of the Pacific; Henley, Grandmother Drives South; Hutchinson, The Unknown Country (Canada); Morris, Traveler from Tokyo; Wells, Introducing Africa.

Second installment: Kizer, The U. S.-Canadian Northwest; Lin, Chungking Dialogues; Rosa, Mexico Speaks; Werth, Leningrad.

*Service Librarians*

South Carolina is fortunate in having its number of trained librarians augmented by those employed by the various branches of the Armed Services. All of us cannot meet all of them personally so we should like to introduce them through these columns. We welcome them, although we realize that in some instances the welcome is belated.

Miss Olive Branch (Emory), Fort Moultrie, S. C.

Miss Maude Downtin (Emory), Post Library No. 4, Fort Jackson, S. C.

Mrs. Eva P. Fogle (U.S.C.), Columbia Army Air Base, Columbia, S. C.

Miss Leah Hargrove (U.N.C.), Stark General Hospital, Charleston, S. C.

Miss Irene Marshall (Emory), Naval Hospital, Charleston Navy Yard, S. C.

Miss Swan Martin (Peabody), Camp Croft Library No. 1, Camp Croft, Spartanburg, S. C.

Miss Rachel Mayes (Emory), Post Library No. 2, Fort Jackson, S. C.

Miss Mary Parham (U.N.C.), Myrtle Beach Army Air Base, Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Miss Ceceile Richman (Emory), Marine Barracks, Parris Island, S. C.

Mrs. Elma S. Rogers (Emory), Walterboro Army Air Base, Walterboro, S. C.

Miss Mary Lofton Simpson (Drexel), Greenville Army Air Base, Greenville, S. C.

Mrs. Louisa Gaillard Thornton (Columbia), Charleston Army Air Base, Charleston, S. C.

Miss Estellene P. Walker (Emory), Post Library No. 1, Fort Jackson, S. C.

If you chance to be near any of the military installations, visit the library. The efficient service, rendered in an informal atmosphere with comfortable surroundings, is the service which thousands of our citizens have become accustomed and which they will expect when they return to civilian life.

**Town Libraries****Darlington**

Mrs. Grace R. Bailey, Librarian, writes:

"The staff of the Darlington Public Library has perhaps begrudged the room on the already crowded shelves occupied by many volumes of little read non-fiction, to say nothing of the back files of magazines. During the past weeks, however, they were mighty



glad to have those books and wished for many more. The high school students descended in droves, seeking information for their annual term papers and everything from the history and origin of mystery stories to the travel of tomorrow; from the life history of Billy Mitchell to the last phase of the Pan-American Highway was used."

### Myrtle Beach

When Mrs. Frances Stackhouse assumed her duties at the Myrtle Beach Public Library, the library owned one book. That was in the days when Myrtle Beach was a branch of the Horry County Library. The County Library ceased operation when the W.P.A. Library Project closed but the Myrtle Beach Library has continued to operate and to grow. The library has aroused much interest among the citizens of Myrtle Beach. The attractive building of the Chamber of Commerce has been turned over entirely to the library, Mrs. Stackhouse still answers letters and gives out information regarding the town but she finds it hard to distinguish between her duties as a librarian and those relating to the Chamber of Commerce. The late Mr. S. B. Chapin of Pinehurst and Myrtle Beach established the Chapin Foundation of \$100,000.00 to assist the library and the churches of Myrtle Beach. At present the librarian's salary is paid by this foundation. Mrs. Chapin has contributed funds for the purchase of books.

Post war plans of the Library Board include a library building.

### Georgetown

The Georgetown Public Library, of which Mrs. Effie Bruns is in charge, is housed in the hall of the historic Winyah Indigo Society. It is a fitting place for a library. The Society owned an extensive library. The most valuable part including copies of Audubon's ornithology, however, was appropriated by Federal Troops during the War between the States.

The library owns a valuable file of newspapers, among them a complete file of the Georgetown Times. It hopes to move into fireproof, and incidentally larger, quarters after the war.

## College and University Libraries

Helen Hagan, Correspondent

### Clemson College Library

In January, 1944 the library at Clemson opened a new reading and recreational room for use of the students and army trainees. The room is furnished with leather upholstered furniture. Books, magazines and newspapers are available. Adjoining this room is a music room which contains the Carnegie records and victrola which is also available for those interested.

The War Information Center organized at Clemson Library in April, 1942 is one of the two key centers in South Carolina. It receives all publications relating to the war and to post-war planning from the various United States government agencies, from the Councils of United Nations, and other sources. This information is available to all who wish to use it. In connection with this the library is responsible for the mimeographing and distributing of the WEEKLY

### ROUNDUP OF OPA PRICE AND RATIONING NEWS.

Miss Cornelia Graham, librarian, says that the library has recently received a check for \$150.00 given by the parents, wife and sister of Sgt. John E. Gandy, Jr. which is to be used for the purchase of books for the Department of Agriculture. Sgt. Gandy died of wounds received in action in Italy.

Another memorial gift was a portrait of Robert E. Lee given by J. B. Folsom of Sumter as a memorial for his son Lt. J. B. Folsom, Jr., fortress pilot, who was killed over Berlin, August 6, 1944.

### The Citadel Library

Mr. Karl H. Koopman, librarian of The Citadel library, tells us that "book buying is the order of the day at The Citadel library". By order of General Summerall the library is engaged in an extensive program of expansion with the purpose of rounding out the book collection by the purchase of standard works in all fields of knowledge, whether included in the college curriculum or not. The selection is done by a faculty committee and the librarian with the approval of General Summerall. Although acquisitions are by no means completed, the number already received has necessitated an enlargement of the stack space. When completed, it is expected that the present book collection will have been increased by approximately one-third its present size.

### Converse College Library

A new library building heads the list in the Post-war Building and Expansion Plans of Converse College. The new building will replace the one given to the college in 1902 by Andrew Carnegie.

Miss Louise Carlisle, librarian, tells of an interesting project that is sponsored by the library to encourage students to begin collecting personal libraries while in college. An award is given each year to the student who exhibits the best collection of books. The books are exhibited in the library on a specified day. The judges are three members of the faculty. The first prize is the student's own selection of any ten books from the Modern Library series. The second prize is any book selected from the Modern Library Giants. Miss Carlisle states that until recently the first prize was given by Bennett Cerf.

### Limestone College Library

Limestone college is celebrating its Centennial this year. Mr. E. D. Johnson, librarian, says that along with the Centennial Program it is hoped to form a "Friends of the Library" group.

On March 15 a Browsing Room was opened which, it is believed, will prove a popular addition to the library.

Limestone library is in the midst of a complete re-organization and "weeding out" of the book collection. At the present time, the music and fiction sections are being rapidly expanded.

The librarian now has charge of handling all of the Visual Education Program of the college.

### Newberry College Library

Miss Carolyn Cromer, librarian, reports that the Newberry library is very fortunate in having received as a bequest from the late Dr. T. H. Dreher of St.



Matthews, S. C., his library of over thirteen hundred books. The collection contains some very fine old South Carolina historical books and interesting old legal papers.

A section of the Newberry library is given over to the Navy V-12 trainees. Some fifty to a hundred books are sent each semester from the Charleston Navy Yard for the recreational reading of the trainees.

#### **A Good Idea**

From Mr. E. D. Johnson, Librarian, Limestone College:

"An idea that I would like to have mentioned in the Bulletin is the possibility of the formation of a state periodical exchange file. Such a file, listing the periodicals available for exchange in the various libraries of the state, could be kept in a central library, and libraries wanting periodicals could send in their want-lists for checking on the possibilities of obtaining them on exchange before having to buy them."

### ***County and Regional Libraries***

Mary S. Cox, Correspondent

As we look back over the years of county library service, we are reminded of the great opportunity we have in South Carolina. The first step in the establishing of county library service was the bill passed by the General Assembly in 1915. This bill provided the permissive legislation necessary for larger areas of library service and for wider support by taxation.

The first attempts at complete countywide service were few and far between. Greenville County was the pioneer with a tax for library service and bookmobiles for countywide distribution of books in the early 20's. The late 20's and the early 30's brought developments in Charleston, Dillon, Laurens and Richland Counties. Charleston and Richland Counties were Rosenwald Demonstration Libraries and began the operation of bookmobiles. Dillon with a half-mill tax and Laurens with an appropriation became county libraries and books were delivered to rural areas in the librarians' automobiles.

Today there are 26 county libraries and 1 regional library giving direct service to rural residents by means of bookmobiles, stations and deposits. In addition, four counties support a library at the county seat which is free to residents of the county who come in for reading material.

Due to the present shortage of librarians and library equipment, we are doing well to carry on today. But we can plan and work for the post war period when the need for more and better library service will be great.

#### **Darlington County**

Miss Theodora Woods, Librarian of the Darlington County Circulating Library, reports:

"The circulation of the Darlington County Library has taken a decided upward trend in the past few weeks. The lovely spring weather has probably been a big factor in this as our patrons are apt to borrow more books on a nice day than any other.

"Our loss by fire has been large this year. About 200 volumes were lost in the burning of the Society Hill School and 44 volumes were lost in a Colored School. This is particularly bad at this time as books are so difficult to procure."

#### **Greenville County**

A service which has proven most helpful and beneficial to the teachers of Greenville County is the Materials Bureau. During these days, we all know how difficult it is to get materials. The need of the teachers has been met in the Materials Bureau. This phase of our work is completing its 5th year and 59 schools are subscribing members. An annual subscription fee of \$5.00 per teacher is charged. These supplementary materials include readers, subject materials, posters, pamphlets and pictures and may be borrowed for an indefinite period.

#### **Marion County**

The Marion County Board of Education has contracted with the Marion and Mullins Public Libraries in order that countywide library service might be resumed. Mrs. Virginia Brunson is in charge of the county service, which is under the supervision of Miss Martha G. Smith, librarian of the Marion Public Library.

It is particularly fitting that the Marion Public Library be connected with the extension of library service. The first tax for library service in South Carolina was levied on the Marion School District in 1912.

### ***Personals***

MRS. BEN W. AIKEN of Spartanburg is librarian at the South Carolina State Hospital.

MISS ORA CRAIG, formerly County Librarian of the Greenwood City and County Library, was married April 14, 1945 to Mr. DuBose Stuckey of Greenwood.

MISS AGNES CRAWFORD returned last fall after three years in San Juan as head of the Army libraries in that command. She is now librarian of the Fifth Service Command, Columbus, Ohio. Her address is 30 Grant Apartments, 66 Grant Avenue.

MRS. ALVIN GALLOWAY joined the staff of the Darlington County Circulating Library in February.

MRS. EVERETT V. HINTON, formerly connected with the Gary, Indiana, Public Library and more recently District Supervisor of the W.P.A. Library Project, is head of the County Department of the Cherokee County Library.

MISS KATHARINE JONES, who came to the County Department of the Richland County Library after working at the National Office of the Federation of Womens' Clubs, is now librarian at the Veterans' Hospital, Columbia.

MISS ELIZABETH PORCHER, who has been serving overseas with the American Red Cross for two years, resumed her duties as head of the Circulation Department at the University of South Carolina Library on March 1.

MRS. MARY CONRAD STEVENSON, who formerly cataloged in the Clemson College Library for twelve years, has returned as head of the Cataloging Department.

MRS. AMBROSE M. WYLIE, JR. (Miss Ida Belle Entekin) makes her home in Chester. She may frequently be found at the Book Shop, which she and her husband operate.